

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 and 40-55 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 9-11, 15-22, 28-55 are withdrawn as being directed to non-elected inventions. Applicants reserve the right to further prosecute any withdrawn claims in divisional applications, if necessary, under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 121. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 7 are hereby amended to form a single general inventive concept. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed as detailed in the parent application. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

In the Restriction Requirement mailed November 4, 2011, the Examiner required an election of one of thirteen (13) groups of claims. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-8, 12-14, and 23-27 drawn to a composition comprising a polypeptide which comprises a sequence selected from the group consisting of surface-located *Campylobacter* polypeptides of SEQ ID NO: 1-51, or comprises an antigenic fragment or variant of said sequence.

In addition, the Examiner further required the election of a specific SEQ ID NO. In particular, the Examiner states that Groups I-XIII read on SEQ ID NOs: 1-51 encompassing patentably distinct sequences in the claims. The Examiner further notes that each sequence is patentably distinct because the sequences are structurally unrelated.

In response, Applicants elect the sequence of SEQ ID NO.: 43 wherein X1 is V or A, and X2 is A or T, and X3 is T or A, without traverse.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that the present Application is in condition for examination on the merits and respectfully request the same. If any issues remain, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' representative at the number provided below in order to resolve such issues promptly.

No fee is believed to be due. If fees are due, please charge such fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-0258.

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